IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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For: COATING COMPOSITION AND USE THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1430 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the claims as follows: